

Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this bill. Our committee heard it in committee. I didn't think it was that bad of a bill. What it does is authorize the Department of Administrative Services to sell or lease the building and the ground with it. I don't believe that the Legislature wants to get involved in setting a price on it because we are not...we don't have the time to see to it that we get the best bid and see that we get the best appraisal. I was involved in the bill several years ago where we authorized the State of Nebraska to sell part of the land at the Norfolk Regional Center to the Northeast Tech School and all we did was authorized them. We didn't set a price. We didn't set the terms. We let the Department of Administrative Services and the Northeast Tech Board get together and work out a proposal on this. I think this is the same way with this bill. Senator Haberman said that they promised they would get an appraisal for us. I don't recall that, Senator Haberman. I think they said they would have it appraised, but they didn't know if they would have this appraisal by the time we were debating the bill on the floor. So, at this time, I would certainly urge you to support the bill, advance the bill. If these negotiators for the State of Nebraska are as good as they were on the Norfolk Regional Center, rest assured, Senator Haberman, they'll get every dollar they can.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goodrich, please.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, would Senator Haberman yield to a question, please?

SENATOR HABERMAN: As long as it's a fair question, yes.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I always ask fair questions, Senator. Since there is a situation before us right now saying in essence that they need the authorization to either sell or lease the building, to do something with the building, the building is going to be vacated, the idea I had in mind was couldn't we advance the bill to Select File today and between then and now we will then get a copy of this appraisal, whatever it is, and give you a chance to see that. But I would suggest that we could do that before we move it off of Select File. Would that be satisfactory with